

**Andrew Jackson to Rachel Donelson Jackson, January 5, 1824, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson.
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TO MRS. JACKSON.

Washington, January 5, 1824.

My Dear wife, I reed a letter the other day from Major G. Martin informing me you were in good health, and then on a vissit to your friends at Nashville, this I was pleased to hear, as it would amuse you, and occasion time to pass on pleasantly We have had here the most mild December that has been for many years, It has been too much so for the enjoyment of good health, still, except colds, the health of the city is good. Should you see Mr Campbell, present me to him, and say, that I had the pleasure of hearing Mr Laurie¹ preach last Sunday, I think him of good capacity, and an impressive speaker.

¹ Minister of the Presbyterian church in F Street.

My health still continues pretty good, and I endeavour to pass my time as well as our seperation will permit. I pray you to be contented, which will add much to my happiness here; accept of my prayers for your health, present me affectionately to all my friends and say to Colo. Butler I will write him as early as I can be able to say any thing to him definetly on what can be done for him here, if any thing can be done.

Believe me to be your affectionate Husband

P. S. say to my son and Hutchings how happy I would be if they would write me, say to them also; I expect them to be obedient, kind, and dutifull to you in my absence.